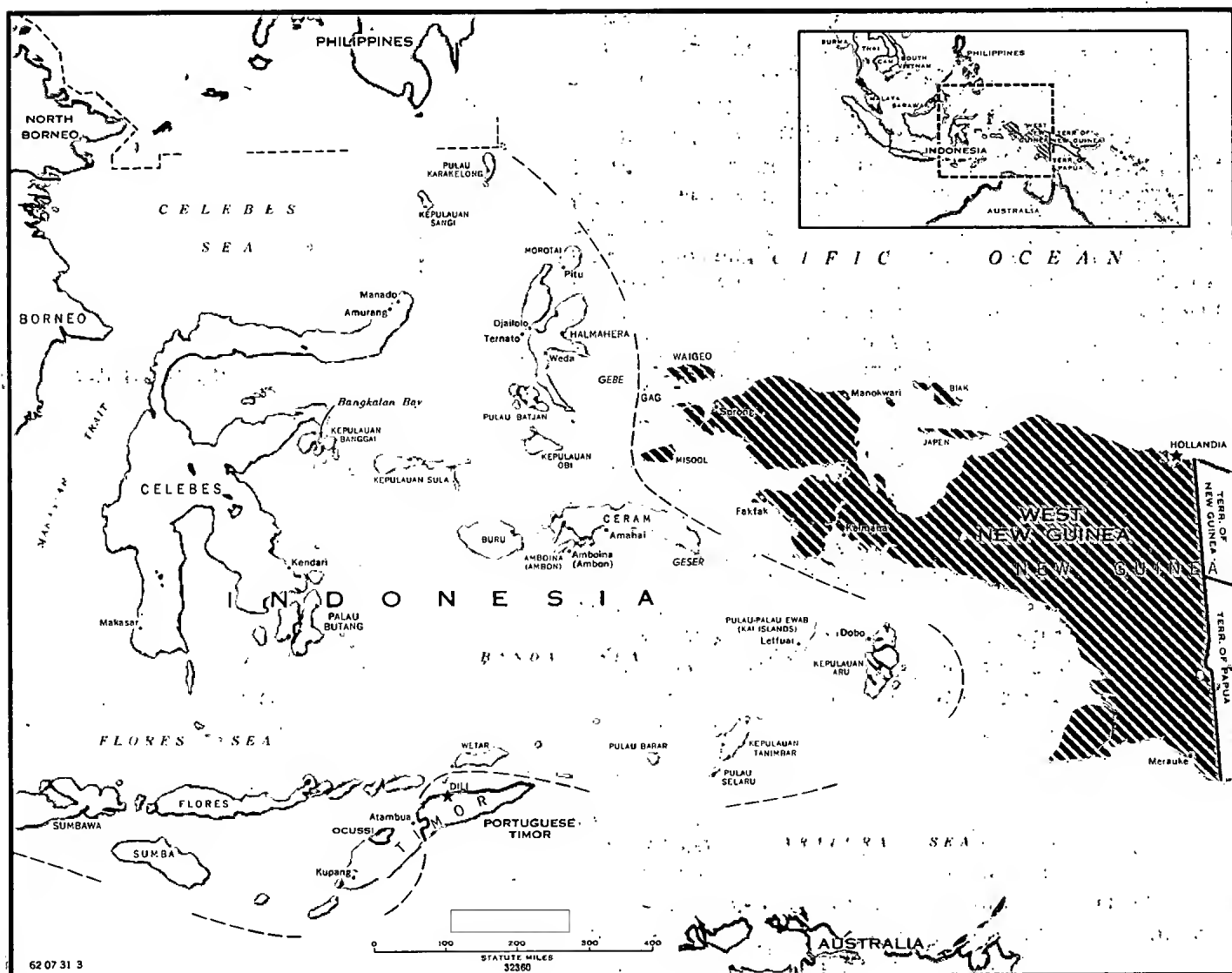


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1 AUGUST 1962
~~TOP SECRET~~



1. USSR-Berlin

A few new Soviet army recruits have been seen in East Germany. We are watching this situation closely to see whether rotation-as-usual occurs, or whether--possibly portending more severe pressure on Berlin--a buildup of Soviet strength is under way.

2. USSR-Berlin-
West Germany

a. Ulbricht and his number two man, Willi Stoph, departed for Moscow this morning, most likely for further talks with Khrushchev on the Berlin problem.

b. Our people in Moscow feel that the important trip which Khrushchev is said to be planning may well be to the UN to present his case on Berlin to the General Assembly--probably in September.

3. Indonesia

Indonesian military preparations to attack West New Guinea continue without regard to developments on the diplomat50X1 front. While talks here were nearing a satisfactory conclusion, [redacted]

[redacted] a paratroop attack50X1 to be mounted against Fak Fak between 1 and 5 August with supporting attacks to be made against Sorong to the north and Kaimana to the south. Meanwhile, a large naval convoy is on its way to a rendezvous point off northeast Celebes.

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4. Finland

President Kekkonen has decided not to buy Soviet missiles after all. His hope is that by showing that Finland is free to withdraw its request, he can disabuse those in the West who believe Finland did not make the request freely in the first place. Our people in Helsinki feel that the military will not accept an indefinite postponement of modernization and will again press for treaty revision as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

5. West Germany - USSR

By again trying to stipulate that the Soviet - West German trade agreement is not applicable to West Berlin, Moscow has reopened a very delicate subject.

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6. Algeria

Talks continue among members of the contending factions with everybody and his uncle getting in the act. Inspired by the sudden realization that they are looking more like the Congolese every day and that no one but the communists will profit by prolongation of the crisis, all involved exhibit renewed determination to come up with something. This should not take long as the main outlines of a settlement are already well established, but we cannot vouch for the durability of whatever arrangement emerges.

7. Congo

Tshombé quickly accepted Adoula's proposal that a new federal constitution be drafted. It gives him an opportunity to reinforce a carefully cultivated pose of tractability and to play for time in hopes the UN will lose resolve and Adoula will fall. Convinced that France and Britain will block effective UN action against him, he does not yet feel compelled to give much.

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8. Cambodia - South Vietnam

Prince Sihanouk still hopes for a neutralist South Vietnam, but is not responding to Bloc pressure on him to promote an international conference on the matter. He feels this would be pointless so long as Diem is around. Should there be an army coup against Diem, however, he believes such a conference would be urgently needed.

NOTES

- A. Sputnik XIX was deorbited and apparently successfully recovered by the Soviets this morning. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Britain and Malaya have reached agreement on the formation of the new state of Malaysia to be founded within the year.
- C. The North Vietnamese are taking everything they can get their hands on with them--weapons, lumber, cattle, buffalo, pigs, etc.--as they leave Laos for home. The Kong Le unit reporting this has urged headquarters to set up border control posts to prevent such looting. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Moscow has declared Rostov-on-Don is "quarantined" to all visitors until 1 September for "health reasons." Our embassy comments that the closure might arise out of unrest in the area.
- E. The chances of an assassination attempt against Nasir seem to be increasing [redacted] 50X1
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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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